

THEY DON'T LIKE RAINES'S BILL.

New Excise Measure Which Has
the Hearty Support of
Many Brooklynites.

A Kings County Senator Will Intro-
duce It at the Right
Time.

VETERAN PROHIBITIONIST'S VIEWS.

James Morton Denounces the Raines Plan
as a Political Scheme Which May Be
Used to Boom Speaker Fish's
Candidacy for Governor.

There is a new Excise bill in the hands
of one of the Kings County Senators, and
it is to be introduced promptly in the
event of the Raines measure failing to be-
come a law. Back of this bill there is
the strongest kind of support. It is
the result of a good deal of thought on
the part of men who have taken the great-
est interest in the liquor question, and
who regard the Raines plan as utterly in-
adequate to meet the requirements of the
problem.

Included in the ranks of the advocates of
this bill are members of nearly all the
political parties. A number of prominent
clergymen are supporters of it. While
there is not unanimous agreement on all
the details of the new measure, yet it is
admitted by those who have drawn it up
that it comes nearer to their idea of what
an Excise bill ought to be than anything
that has so far been brought forward.

SOME OF ITS PROVISIONS.
The fact that the bill has been prepared
has, until the present time, been kept a
well-guarded secret, and even now its pro-
moters refuse to divulge the name of the
Senator who has it in charge or to tell
what all its features are. It was hoped to
be able to spring the bill on the legislature
at the right juncture and to send it through
both houses with a rush.

Enough was known yesterday, however,
to give the salient points of the proposed
law. In the first place it distinctly limits
the number of licenses that may be granted. Then
again it provides that the license money
shall go to each county wherein it is col-
lected, instead of to the State Treasury.
Moreover, it is not to be turned over to charitable
institutions, but is to be used in meeting
the county's expenses. It is maintained
that charitable institutions should be sup-
ported by individuals, not by State or
county.

OPPOSED TO THE LICENSE SECTION.
It was the section in the bill relating to
licenses that caused the most debate in
the consideration of the measure. There
are a number of well-known Prohibitionists
among those who favor the bill, and
to them the idea of money coming from
the liquor traffic was repugnant. The
most radical of them were very earnest in
their denunciation of the section. It
looked for a time as if their opposition
would defeat the purpose they all had in
mind. Finally, however, they were over-
ruled. The arguments of the more moderate
Prohibitionists were that no matter how
wicked the liquor traffic was in their eyes
the majority of the people of the State
were not of that opinion. It was necessary
to win over the aid of this majority,
which, while it did not regard the sale
of liquor as a crime, yet was not con-
vinced of evils connected with it to put
certain restrictions upon it.
The bill is general among the advocates of
the bill that the Raines measure will
not become law. They argue that even
should both Houses pass it, Governor
Morton will veto it. At present they are not
making much of a fight against the Raines
bill, as they expect that the legislature
discussions caused by its consideration
will kill its chances of passing. But if it
should get through the legislature, the Gov-
ernor will be appealed to, and it is believed
that the arguments advanced will be all
powerful in convincing him that it is an
unwise measure.

JAMES MORTON'S VIEWS.
Of the Prohibitionists in Brooklyn none
is better known and none has shown more
loyalty to the cause than James Morton,
the baker. He does not take so prominent
a part in Prohibition politics as in years
past, but, as he said yesterday, he is just
as earnest a supporter of the cause as
principles and as convinced of their
rightness as ever.

"The Prohibition cause," he said, "is
growing stronger all the time. I truly
believe that there are more adherents
to the cause than ever before. The Repub-
lican party to-day that ever before in
its history. If the question, 'Do you
believe in Prohibition or not?' were
given to the people to decide, as was
the question of consolidation, the result
would be a surprise to the liquor party.
And yet the Prohibition party in this
county is not growing stronger. The
trouble is that the Republican of Prohi-
bition views is too strong a man to
break away from the organization."

BELIEVES IN MAYOR WURSTER.
"I look upon Mayor Wurster as an official
who knows his duty and intends to
perform it. I was present at the conference
of last Monday when he made us under-
stand that he would enforce the liquor
law."

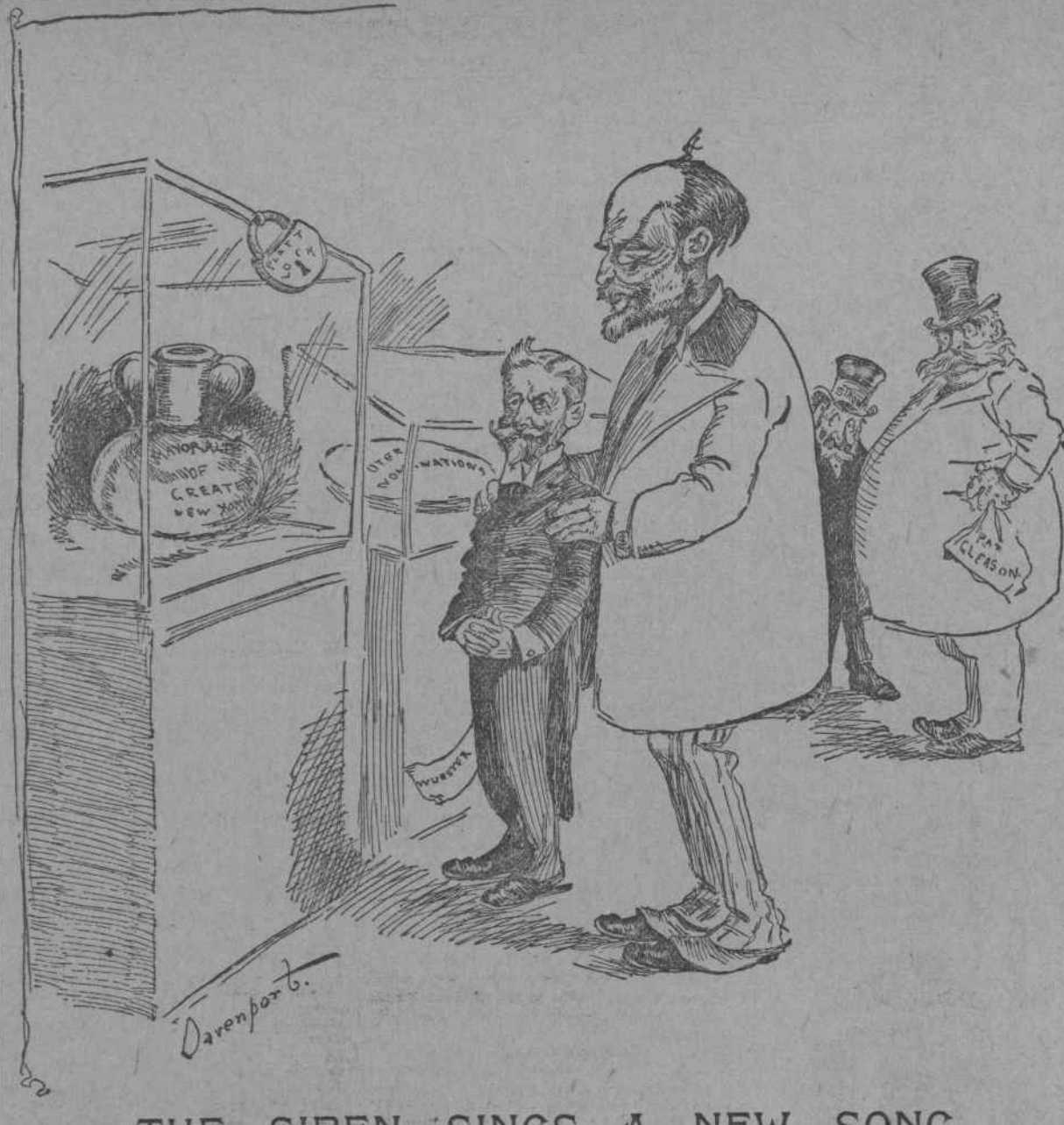
"As regards the Raines Excise bill, I
don't like it. It's a political scheme. To
benefit whom? you ask. Well, I might
have said Controller Roberts, only, I see
that he is opposed to it. Why wouldn't
he? The question, 'Why couldn't it be made
to aid Speaker Fish in his effort to become
Governor?' Nor is Senator Raines him-
self to be left out of account in naming
likely beneficiaries."

There are many had points about the
Raines bill. First of all the provision
that fifty inspectors shall have charge of
the excise. Why, the number wouldn't
be too many for New York alone. What
a nice lot of patronage there is in the
scheme. Then it is proposed to within
certain distance of the residential quarters.
This discriminates against the poor. Why
prevent the opening of a saloon near the
mansions and yet permit it to exist close
to some crowded tenement or in the very
heart of the business district? Is it as
much of a menace to one as to the other?
DON'T THINK RAINES'S BILL WILL PASS.

"These are only a few of my decided
objections to the bill. I don't think it
will pass. If it does, pass I don't believe
the Governor will sign it. If he does sign
it another bill would become necessary at
the next session. It is because I hope and be-
lieve that the Raines bill will be killed
that I am anxious to see the new bill
prepared here, take its place. It is in every
way superior to the Raines bill. It has
been introduced before this only we
wanted to have the Raines bill out of the
way. It is introduced and that is good. I
subject it to the fate which we trust will
overtake Senator Raines's political
scheme."

Judge Aspinwall's First Marriage.
Not the first time in his life County Judge
Joseph Aspinwall figured officially at a mar-
riage yesterday. Manuel Garcia, a young
Spaniard, and Juana Morales, a pretty
Spanish girl, were married in the Court
House and asked him to unite them in wed-
lock. The young judge cheerfully complied
and pronounced them man and wife.

Died in a Jamaica Street.
Jamaica, L. I., Feb. 15.—The Rev. George
Sayce, the pastor of the Episcopal Church
of this village, died suddenly on the street
last night, while on his way home from
work to his home. Mr. Sayce was ex-
actly one year old.



THE SIREN SINGS A NEW SONG.

TEMPTATION OF WURSTER.

Friends Sound His Praises and Declare He
Would Be a Strong Candidate in
the Greater New York.

Since it has been currently reported that
ex-Senator Platt is tempting Mayor Wurster
with an offer of the Greater New York
Mayorship, the friends of Brooklyn's chief
executive have been devoting hours to
laudatory efforts regarding Mr. Wurster's
qualifications for the position. Relative to
the matter, George F. Elliott, the Union
League clubman and Republican orator,
yesterday said:

"As to the talk about Mayor Wurster's
candidacy for Mayor of Greater New York,
I do not know what are his wishes in the
matter, but if the question of annexation
should be settled I do not think the people
would hesitate long in choosing between
William L. Strong and Fred Wurster. Mr.
Wurster, but that time would have shown
that he is of the right metal to make an
ideal Mayor of the greater city."

"He is a typical American. I say this
all the more freely because I want nothing
in public life. I said to him, as I said to
Mayor Schieren, that all I asked of him
was that he should be a good Mayor and
a straight Republican, as I am myself."
"I have heard Mayor Wurster's name
spoken of very favorably in connection with
the Chief Magistracy of Greater New York,
and many things have been urged in sup-
port of his candidacy. One argument has
been that as a business man he has come
into contact with the foremost business-
men of New York, and has impressed them
greatly. Another point in his favor is
that he is financially well-to-do."

"I ask whether New York proper
would be willing to accept a Mayorality
candidate from this side of the river, and
answer it in Yankee fashion with an
other. 'Why not?' There are 100,000
Brooklynites who do business in New York.
Every one of this army would speak the
praises of Candidate Wurster. These
Brooklynites would be right in the heart
of New York, and would feel a pride in
their man, which would not be felt for
any other candidate."

NEW RECTOR FOR TRINITY.

Rev. S. D. McConnell, of Philadelphia, Has
Accepted the Call.

The announcement was made yesterday
by the wardens and vestry of Holy Trinity
Church, Brooklyn, that the rectorship of
the parish had been offered to and accepted
by the Rev. S. D. McConnell, D. D., at
present rector of St. Stephen's Protestant
Episcopal Parish, of Philadelphia.

Dr. McConnell, who was offered the rector-
ship of Holy Trinity after it had been
declined by the Rev. Mr. Leighton Parks,
of Boston, tendered his resignation to the
vestry of his Philadelphia parish several
weeks ago and it was accepted Friday
evening, whereupon he immediately notified
Vestryman Lyman B. Greene, of Holy
Trinity, that he would assume his new
office on the 1st of May.
Dr. McConnell succeeds the Rev. Charles
Holt, who died last Fall. He has been rector
of St. Stephen's since 1882, and has the
reputation throughout Pennsylvania of being
a preacher of unusual force and an in-
defatigable parish worker.

NO USE FOR THE BLUE BOOK.

Ex-Mayor Howell Declares It is a Phase of
Anglomani.

James Howell, who was Mayor of Brook-
lyn, said yesterday that the person who
barricaded him out of the Blue Book had done
him a favor.

"I am a workman and am proud to
take my stand beside the 1,000,000 Brook-
lynites who are not in the book. I don't
know whether this person represented the
person who got out this Blue Book, but I
do know that I rejected the offer with
scorn, because I would not give five cents
to have my name placed in all the social
registers published."
"We are using English customs too much
and this social register is the latest phase
of the Anglomani craze. My name is in
the city directory, and that is good enough
for me. And, I might add, I pay my
debts."

Trustees for Speir Estate.

Judge Clement, of the Supreme Court,
yesterday placed Mrs. Genevieve A. Speir
Noyes and the Brooklyn Trust Company
in charge of the estate of Mrs. Frances S.
Speir, widow of the late Dr. S. Fleet Speir.
Mrs. Speir is in an asylum at Flushing,
and her estate is worth \$42,250. Mrs.
Noyes is the only child of Mrs. Speir, and
she inherited most of her father's estate.

Gunner Maimed at Rockaway.

Rockaway Beach, L. I., Feb. 15.—While
Robert Boush and Henry Wheeler, two
Brooklynites, were duck shooting this
morning at this place, Mr. Boush shot his
left hand off. He was handling his com-
panion's gun, which he did not know was
loaded.

POLICE STOP A FUNERAL.

Circumstances of Mrs. Shike's
Death Cause the Arrest of
Four Persons.

Her Husband and Dr. Gissler Among
the Prisoners, but the Former
Is Soon Released.

SEARCH FOR MRS. BUTZ FRUITLESS.

Coroner's Apprehensions Confirmed by an
Autopsy—All the Suspected Persons
Receive a Hearing, but They Are
Remanded to Jail.

Mrs. Alice M. Shike, a pretty young Penn-
sylvanian, of No. 41 Buffalo avenue, Brook-
lyn, died on Thursday morning last at the
home of Mrs. Edna Butz, a midwife, at No.
510 De Kalb avenue.

The circumstances attending the death
were unknown to the authorities until Fri-
day evening, when an anonymous communi-
cation was received at the office of the
Board of Health declaring that murder had
been done in Mrs. Shike's apartment. Prepa-
rations for Mrs. Shike's funeral had been
completed at that time by Undertaker
George T. McHugh, of No. 704 Myrtle ave-
nue, and a permit had been issued for the
removal of the body to Greencastle, Pa.,
but a messenger was immediately dis-
patched to McHugh's, where the body lay,
with orders to detain it, pending action by
Coroner Nason.

The messenger reached the undertaking
establishment at 10:30 o'clock, just as the
funeral was moving for the Pennsylvania
depot in Jersey City.
Two hours later Susan Eldemuth and
Mary Rohn, servants in Mrs. Butz's house,
were placed under arrest by Captain Mar-
tin, of the Fourth Precinct. At 4:30 o'clock
yesterday morning Dr. Carroll Gissler, of
No. 22 Kosuth place, who attended Mrs.
Shike, was also taken into custody. An
effort was also made to apprehend Mrs.
Butz, but the officers did not succeed in
finding her.

C. Shike, the dead woman's husband,
was arrested at noon yesterday, but was
discharged by Coroner Nason, as there was
no evidence to sustain the suspicion that
he was implicated. To Dr. Gissler and
the two servants was also given a
hearing. They were remanded to Raymond
Street Jail. All denied complicity in the
murder.

Dr. Gissler, who is fifty-five years old,
said that he had been called to attend Mrs.
Shike on January 29, three days after she
placed herself under Mrs. Butz's care. He
attended the woman, he said, until her
death.

Dr. Valentine, Coroner Nason's assistant,
performed an autopsy yesterday afternoon,
with the result that the suspicions of the
authorities were confirmed.

Mrs. Shike went to Mrs. Butz's establish-
ment on January 29, without her husband's
knowledge. Mr. Shike and his sister at-
tended her, but they had no idea that she
was going to die.

FOR AND AGAINST M'NULTY.

Final Arguments Heard in the Brooklyn Sen-
atorial Contest.

At the Murray Hill Hotel yesterday the
concluding arguments were made in the
contest of John Taylor, of Brooklyn, for the
seat in the State Senate now occupied by
Major McNulty. Among those present were
Senators Nussbaum, Cantor, Davis and
Stranahan, besides the lawyers. Stillman
F. Kneeland opened for the contestant.

He declared that the charter of Brooklyn,
given to it by the Legislature, made a mem-
ber of the Board of Education a city offi-
cer and disqualified him for holding a State
office. This he declared ruled Major Mc-
Nulty out of his seat, and gave it to Mr.
Taylor.

"You mean," interrupted Chairman Nus-
baum, "that by virtue of the charter of the
City of Brooklyn Major McNulty is an offi-
cial under the city government?"

"That is my special contention," replied
Mr. Kneeland.
"And it is upon that contention," put in
Mirabeau L. Towns, "that I have based my
whole brief."

For the defense Mr. Towns said the argu-
ment raised by the contestants was ab-
surd. The Brooklyn school system was ab-
solutely independent of the State, and the act giv-
ing the Common Council power of super-
vision over the departments did not and
could not apply to the Board of Education.
This closed the arguments. A decision
will be reached within a week and reported
to the Legislature.

Verdicts Against Oystermen.

Riverhead, L. I., Feb. 15.—Three oyster
cases were before Justice George F. Stack-
pole to-day. Suits had been instituted by

the Nassau Oyster Company, of Patchogue,
against Willie Dioxsee, Robert Wolcott and
Charles J. Williams, of the same village,
charging them with disturbing the oyster
beds of the company. In Dioxsee's case the
jury rendered a verdict for \$100 penalty.
Wolcott and Williams did not stand trial,
and judgment was entered against them.

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SHOWS WORTH SEEING.

"Carmen," "Little Christopher" and the
"Shop Girl" in Town for
a Week.

Olga Nethersole begins a week's engage-
ment at the Columbia Theatre to-morrow
night in "Carmen." Her fame in this
character has spread all over the coun-
try, and she has been one of this season's
dramatic successes. "Carmen" will be
the bill at every performance except Wed-
nesday matinee when "Denise" will be
given.
Rice's Burlesque Company will be at the
Park Theatre next week in "Little Chris-
topher," a burlesque of modern pattern,
full of nonsense, specialties, pretty girls
and bright costumes. Theresa Vaughn ap-
pears in the little role and has made a great
success of the part. Willie Collier as the
detective introduces a lot of specialties,
and there is a host of other clever per-
formers.

Gaiety will continue at the Amphion next
week, where "The Shop Girl" will be played.
The company is the same that made such
a success of the musical comedy in New
York. Bertie Wright is the leading com-
edian, though honors are divided with Harry
Grattan, W. H. Rawlins, Connie Ediss and
Violet Lloyd. The music of "The Shop
Girl" is bright and catchy.

RELIEF FOR FULTON STREET.

Plan for "Trolleyizing" the Cable Road to
the Wall Street Ferry.

The cable road on Montague street,
Brooklyn, will be "trolleyized" if the plans
which President Rossiter, of the Brooklyn
Heights system, has formed are carried
out.

The idea of the railroad magnates is to
relieve the crowded condition of lower Ful-
ton street by having cars on the Court
street and Myrtle avenue lines run down
Montague street to the Brooklyn terminus
of Wall street ferry. President Rossiter
said yesterday that negotiations had been
in progress for some time between the
Metropolitan Street Road managers and him-
self to run a cable road along Wall street
from Broadway to the ferry in New York.
A system of transfers would then be adopt-
ed by which passengers could travel from
Broadway and Wall street, New York, to
the City Hall in Brooklyn for one fare.
These plans would have to receive the
approval of the city authorities of Brook-
lyn.

Drowned in Wallabout.
Arthur Gunn, twenty-nine years old,
was drowned at Wallabout Basin, yester-
day afternoon, while attempting to board
the schooner Schultz. The body was re-
covered and conveyed to his late home, at
No. 61 Withers street.

Forestalling His Dakota Divorce.
Maggie Webber, who learned that her hus-
band, Edward Webber, was out in South
Dakota arranging for a divorce, yesterday
began suit for separation. Webber was re-
cently retired from the New York police
force. Webber alleged that he threat-
ened to shoot her and then abandoned her.

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Ladies' Outing Flannel Skirts, with hem,
feathered stitched, or worsted lace, 38c.,
50c., 70c.

Ladies' Outing Flannel Gowns, extra
quality, Empire effects, trimmed with lace,
\$1.25.

Ladies' Jersey Skirts, fleeced lined in red
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